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1. ON MARCH 23 EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM ACADEMICIAN PETROV TO HINNERS, WHICH REPLIES TO HINNERS LETTER OF JANUARY 31 (REF A). INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF PETROV LETTER FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO NASA FOR TERRELL, REGISTRY NO. 952750.

2. DEAR DR. HINNERS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER CONCERNING THE MEETING OF SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN PLANETARY EXPLORATION. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT LEADING SOVIET AND AMERICAN SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGULAR SESSION OF COSPAR, WE PROPOSE TO HOLD THIS MEETING IN MAY OR JUNE IN AUSTRIA IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OR AFTER THE COSPAR SESSION, DEVOTING IT TO QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH EXPLORATION OF VENUS. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT
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IF YOU COULD INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. SINCERELY, B. N. PETROV.

3. INTERKOSMOS REP NOTED THAT SOVIET PLANETARY SPECIALISTS ARE UNABLE TO MAKE US PROPOSED DATES BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT IF US ACCEPTED SOVIET PROPOSAL, SOVIETS WOULD ADD SOME OF THEIR TOP SPECIALISTS

TO THE COSPAR DELEGATION, INCLUDING BARSIKOV AND SAGDEYEV, AMONG OTHERS. INTERKOSMOS REP NOTED THAT SOVIETS INTEND THE MEETING TO CONCENTRATE ON VENUS (AS THE HINNERS LETTER MENTIONS) BECAUSE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING VENUS MISSIONS IN 1978, BUT SOVIETS DO NOT NECESSARILY VIEW VENUS AS THE SOLE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

4. INTERKOSMOS REP ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT US RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS IN MAY (REF B). IF US AGREES TO SOVIET PROPOSAL TO SCHEDULE INTER-PLANETARY SESSION AROUND COSPAR MEETING, WE RECOMMEND THAT SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS, BE HELD AFTER INTERPLANETARY MEETING. US APPROACH TOWARD THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT TALKS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FORTHCOMINGNESS (OR LACK OF IT) DISPLAYED BY SOVIETS IN INTERPLANETARY COOPERATION. TOON

NOTE BY OC/T: REFERENCE (A) APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT.

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